



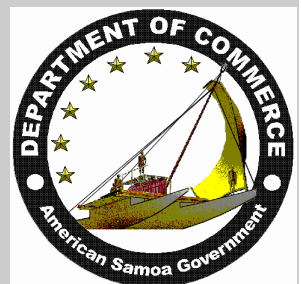
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BUILDING IN A FLOOD ZONE

A ZONES

REGULATIONS AND
REQUIRMENTS FOR BUILDING
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL
STRUCTURES IN A DESIGNATED
FLOOD ZONE.



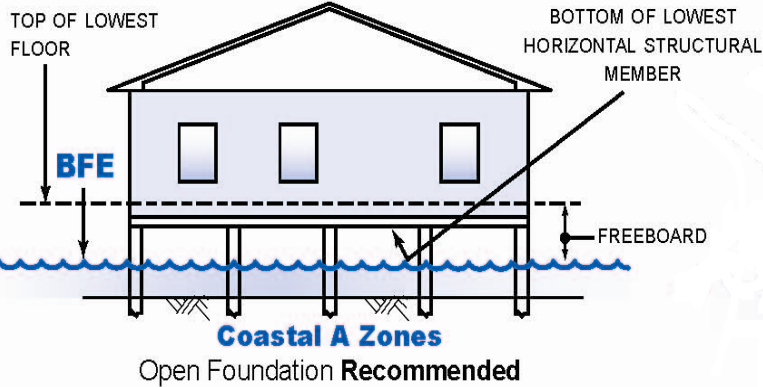
NATURAL COASTAL EVENTS (TSUNAMI, HURRICANE, CYCLONE) CAN FORCE WATER INTO OUR HOMES AND BUSINESSES.

TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY, NEW CONSTRUCTION MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS:



Coastal A Zones

Top of Lowest Floor Above BFE
(Freeboard)



BASE FLOOD ELEVATION (BFE): THE HEIGHT EXPECTED TO BE REACHED BY THE BASE FLOOD WATERS.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW IF YOU ARE BUILDING IN AN "A" ZONE:

- BUILDING AND ITS FOUNDATION MUST BE CONSTRUCTED TO PREVENT FLOTATION, COLLAPSE AND LATERAL MOVEMENT
- A SOLID FOUNDATION CAN BE ALLOWED, BUT IS NOT RECOMMENDED
- AN OPEN FOUNDATION IS RECOMMENDED
- STRUCTURAL FILL IS ALLOWED, BUT NOT RECOMMENDED